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Retreat Center

Winter 2020  
Newsletter



Creighton University Retreat Center in Griswold, Iowa.



## Darkness and Light

As we rolled into winter and Advent last year, I became very aware of the gifts of both the darkness and the light. There is the common reminder that without darkness we would not be aware of the light. But as the days got shorter I was very aware of stillness in the dark. The waiting that we enter into during Advent became more present to me. All the while, I could sense the Light. For some reason though, this year, I was not anxious in the darkness. I felt called to be in it. To rest. To wait. To heal. To be. Then, Christmas came and went – I thought maybe the darkness would lift with the celebration of the birth of Light but January rolled around, the days started getting longer again, and I felt what? I could sense the Light, but I also heard “not yet”.

Today, Groundhog’s day has come and gone, saying six more weeks till Spring, yet the temperatures are spring-like and the precipitation is rain, not snow (at least

for today). I can feel the Light rising in me, there is a sense of anticipation. And yet, “not yet, darkness is still working” seems to be the call. I don’t recall ever entering so completely with my spirit into the seasons before. It has been a surprisingly fruitful time – even the darkness – especially the darkness. The call to be still, to wait and rest has filled my soul. It may still be dark but there is a deeper awareness that Light is always present. How is the darkness calling to you?



## Upcoming 8 Day Retreats

### ***2020 CSP Retreats!***

The Christian Spirituality Program at Creighton will offer two 8 Day Silent Directed Retreats **March 6-15, 2020 and May 28-June 6, 2020**. These retreats are directed by students in Creighton’s Christian Spirituality Program under the supervision of Creighton faculty. There are still openings for both retreats.! Contact Colleen Hastings at 402-280-2303, [colleenhastings@creighton.edu](mailto:colleenhastings@creighton.edu) for registration or more information.

### ***Retreat Center Sponsored Retreat***

CURC will be offering the 8-Day Ignatian Retreat opportunity that will include all meals. This retreat is scheduled for **July 30 –August 7, 2020**. Fr. Bob Dufford, S.J. and Amy Hoover will be directing. The rate is \$860 for the packaged retreat. Contact us directly 712-787-2466 or [curc@netins.net](mailto:curc@netins.net) to register for this retreat.

### ***You are invited for Private Retreat Time!***

*What:* Retreat time for 1,2,3 days or even 8 or 30. How much time do you need?

Enjoy quiet time away and time for spiritual conversations between you and God.

*When:* Check your schedule and contact us with proposed dates,

*Where:* Creighton University Retreat Center, Griswold, IA

How: Contact us directly at 712-778-2466 or [curc@netins.net](mailto:curc@netins.net)

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## Around the Grounds

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It is going to be a busy spring at the retreat center. Thanks to some generous donations, we are moving ahead with our St. Kateri Chapel renovations with new carpet, altar, ambo, tabernacle and other essentials. We are also going to be able to create a "Last Supper Prayer Garden." We hope these updates and improvements will make the chapel and grounds even more conducive to prayer, reflection and liturgy.

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## Thank You

We can't say Thank You enough to all of our guests and especially the donors who have contributed funds, time and talent and prayers for the retreat center. Our successful Crowdfunding Initiative and other individual gifts are enabling us to continue to live out our mission to support and foster an active prayer life, a deeper conversion and relationship with our Lord Jesus Christ.

Thank you. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. And please know that we continue to hold you in prayer.

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## Support the Retreat Center

If you would like to financially contribute to the Retreat Center, please [visit us online](#).

Under "Select Your Gift Designation(s)," select "Find Area(s) of Your Choice" and "Other," and then indicate that you would like your gift directed to the Creighton Retreat Center.

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### The Creighton Retreat Center

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The center offers eight- and 30-day Ignatian retreats upon request.

Accommodations can be made based on your individual schedules. Please contact [Terri Lou](#) for more information.

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